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TASK FORCE ON PROCUREMENT NORMS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the `Task force on revision of procurement norms` to ensure greater transparency, competition, fairness, and elimination of discretion in procurement of goods by the Union Government has submitted its Report;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government had accepted recommendations of the task force in toto; and

(d) the action taken/initiated by the Government to implement the report of the task force?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Task Force in its recommendations has suggested ways and means for bringing in greater efficiency, economy, accountability and transparency in public procurement system. Based on the recommendations of the Task Force, three separate Working Groups have been set up by the Govt. for preparation of standard documents for `Goods`, `Works and `Consultancy`.